(iv) Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops, like Soyabean and Sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

(v) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

(vi) Assistance for oil palm development.

(vii) Better incentives to producers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major oilseeds.

(viii) Use of indigenous oils in the manufacture of Vanaspati to at least 25% of the production, on a monthly basis, is mandatory, at present. Higher use of expeller Mustard oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati up to 30% has also been allowed. The objective is to incentives the farmers in terms of better returns for their production.

(ix) In order to harmonise the interest of domestic oilseeds growers, consumers and processors and to regulate imports of edible oils to the extent possible, the duty structure on edible oils is reviewed from time to time.

Export of foodgrains

†1604. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for exporting foodgrains to various countries during the period 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the success achieved in the field of export of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) No Specific targets for exports were fixed during 2001-02 and 2002-03.

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(c) India has emerged as one of the leading exporters of wheat and rice in the international market.

Foodgrains reserves

†1605. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of foodgrains in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02, year-wise;

(b) the foodgrain reserves with FCI as on date and the quantum of foodgrains on the verge of rotting; and

(c) the details of the foodgrains lifted by the States under PDS during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The production of foodgrains in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Kharif	Rabi	Total
1999-2000	1055.1	1042.9	2098.0
2000-01	1047.0	948.3	1995.3
2001-02	1115.5	1004.7	2120.2

(b) As on 1st January 2003 four hundred eighty two lakh tonnes of foodgrains were available in the Central Pool, none of which is on the verge of rotting.

(c) The quantum of rice and wheat lifted by states under Public Distribution System (TPDS), during the last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under:—

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